



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2009

The April 21, 2009 meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.
by the Chairperson, Margery Rodgers, PT.

Board members present:

John Baker, PT
Shirley Leeper, PTA, Vice Chairperson
Lori Mizell, PT
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member
Stephen Ryan, PT

Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Patricia Miller, Licensing Coordinator
Sandra Kurland, Board Secretary
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Officer
Teresa Thornton, Investigator
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel

Absent:

Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member
Donald Novak, PT
Francesca Gibbs, Staff Attorney

The first order of business was to welcome the Chesapeake Consortium PTA students to the open session of the meeting. They were given a folder containing information about licensing and a copy of the laws and regulations. The Board members introduced themselves. Ann Tyminski and Patricia Miller briefed the students before the meeting. There was a question and answer session with the Board.

Welcome to
PTA Students

Expense sheets were handed out and collected.

Expense Sheets

The agenda was accepted as printed.

Agenda

Minutes of the Open Session for the March 17, 2009 Board meeting were accepted as printed.

Minutes

Ann Tyminski received an e-mail from Colleen Lillis, PT, who asks if it is within the scope of practice in Maryland for a PT to evaluate/feed babies in the NICU. She also asks if there is a certification or specialized training available. The Board stated that it is within the scope of practice if the PT is competent to evaluate and feed babies in the NICU. For any certification or specialized training the Board is referring her to APTA.

Feeding Babies
in NICU

Ann Tyminski received an e-mail from Annette Becke, PTA, in reference to how many patients her employer expects the PT's and PTA's to treat. The only regulation that covers this situation states that the maximum amount of patients a therapist may treat is an average of 3 per hour, with adequate treatment time and space for each patient.

Patients Per
Hour

Judy Ehret, OT sent an e-mail to Ann Tyminski in reference to PT's and PTA's providing patients with "wellness" activities (i.e. walking, exercises, ROM, etc.) when they are not busy. She states that these services are not billed to any agency, but are only to provide better quality of life/care to the patients. The Board stated that the PT's and PTA's need to be specific in making their role clear, and they must provide documentation if they are providing physical therapy. If they are not providing physical therapy, then it must be made very clear to the residents that they are not receiving physical therapy in these wellness activities.

"Wellness"
Activities

Ann Tyminski distributed information in reference to foreign educated PT applicant Terryl B. Rosenberg, who has been uncooperative in her application procedure. A letter from Ms. Rosenberg was also attached. Ms. Rosenberg feels that she should not be required to take a Physics course to bring her up to the Board's core educational standards. The Board stated that Ms. Rosenberg must take a Physics course in order to be licensed in Maryland. She will be so notified.

Terryl B.
Rosenberg

Suggested changes to the Law Examinations were discussed and approved.

Law Exams

Continuing Education

"Autism: A Therapeutic Model of Intervention", submitted by Deborah Staley from Hagerstown Community College, was reviewed and deferred. The Board would like the sponsor to describe what makes this course directly relevant to physical therapy. Joy will work with the Continuing Education Committee when the information is received.

Reports

Income summaries were distributed.

Income Summaries

The Board reviewed a recap of the Ethics Course presented by the Board on April 3, 2009. Several suggestions were made for the next presentation.

Recap of Ethics
Course

Comments on the Ethics Course presented by the Board on April 3, 2009 were positive and were given to the Board members for review.

Ethics Course
Comments

Ann Tyminski reviewed the recent Legislative Session.

Legislation

Open Meetings Law – our Board meetings are no longer required to be in the Maryland Register. The public notice can be advertised on the Board's website.

HB -1275 Reorganization of Boards – Bill failed at the 11th hour of the session.

HB -173 Athletic Trainers Bill – The bill passed with the amendments as Agreed upon by the Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Chiropractors including the definition of Athletic Injury. They will be licensed under the Physicians Board and must be supervised by a Physician.

HB – 756 Cultural & Linguistic Health Care Provider Competency Program – This bill passed and will require associations to set up educational programs on cultural competency.

Information

Susan Cecere sent a copy of a press release from Occupational & Physical Therapy Early Intervention and School-Based Services in Maryland, A Guide to Practice. The Board was given a copy for review.

Press Release

The Board was given a copy of the FSBPT Quarterly Faculty Newsletter for the first quarter of 2009.

FSBPT

Mr. Bures presented a request to be excused from the May Board Meeting for the purpose of vacation. The Board was fine with this request.

Vacation Request

Ann Tyminski reminded the Board that the election of officers will be held in May. If anyone is interested in running for office, they are to let her know.

Election of Officers

The Open Session of the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m., and the Board immediately entered closed session for the purpose of medical review deliberations of applications, according to Section 10-508 (a) (13).

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Tyminski

Ann Tyminski, Executive Director

May 19, 2009
Date approved

Margery F. Rodgers, P.T.
Margery F. Rodgers, Chairperson